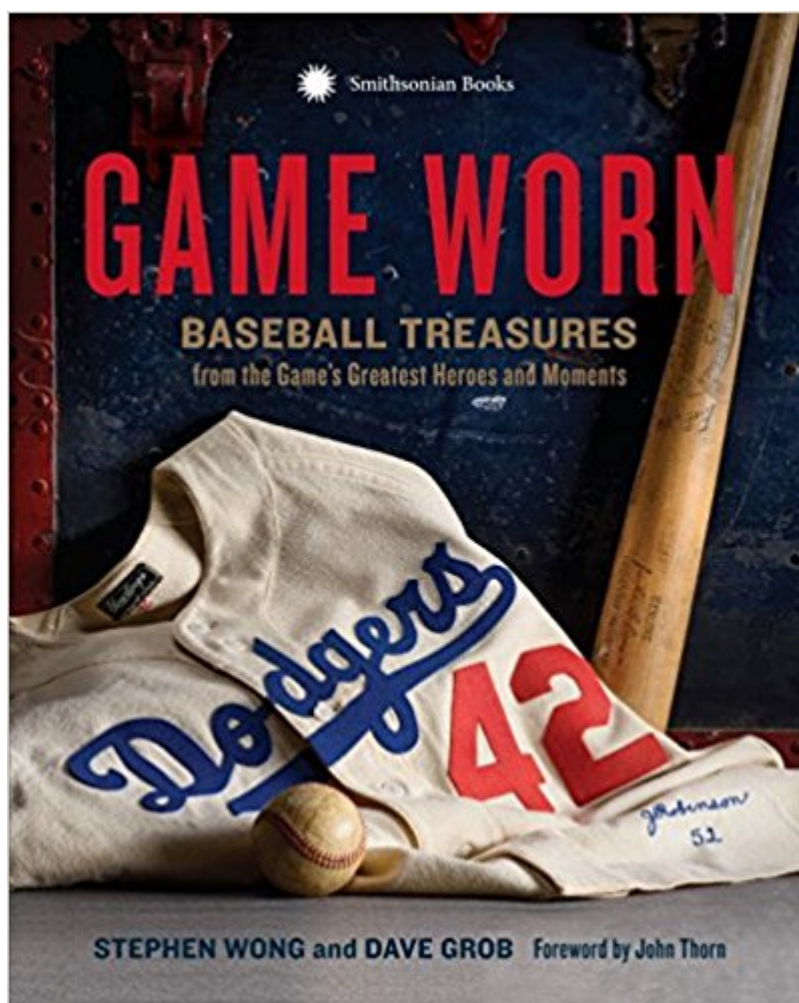


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Game Worn: Baseball Treasures From The Game's Greatest Heroes And Moments



Synopsis

Game Worn: Baseball Treasures from the Game's Greatest Heroes and Moments is a richly illustrated exploration and first-of-its-kind compendium study of the world's most coveted and precious baseball uniforms worn by Major League ballplayers during the twentieth century. This coffee-table book features many of the most historically significant uniforms, jackets, hats, as well as other treasured baseball collectibles that tell us as much about the history and soul of America as they do about the game and the players. Some of the extraordinary highlights featured in this book include: Babe Ruth's road jersey from his first season with the New York Yankees (1920), the sole surviving uniform from the infamous 1919 World Series, Joe DiMaggio's rookie uniform from 1936, the Boston Red Sox road uniform Ted Williams wore during his epic 1941 season, Jackie Robinson's Brooklyn Dodgers home jersey from the 1952 season, Bill Mazeroski's Pittsburgh Pirates home uniform worn to hit the game-winning home run in game 7 of the 1960 World Series, and a visual feast of rare uniform styles. Each of the 71 entries includes sumptuous photography of the uniform and associated memorabilia, as well as a poignant and lively narrative highlighting its significance. The book also features a first-of-its-kind illustrated compendium with elaborate definitions of relevant terms that every baseball fan and collector needs to know, ranging from the All Star Game Uniform to the Zig-Zag Stitch. This book is an absolute must-have for anyone who has ever loved the game of baseball.

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memorabilia, and high on the wish lists of the most avid collectors are uniforms— not mere replicas but actual game-worn jerseys. Sadly, such rarities are well beyond the budgets of most fans, which makes this exquisite coffee-table book all the more entrancing. Yes, there are beautifully composed, striking photos of jerseys, pants, hats, and gloves across the history of the game, from the dead-ball era to the end of the twentieth century; but there are also other illustrations capturing the remarkable scope of baseball memorabilia (scorecards, programs, ticket stubs, magazine ads, including one from Chesterfield showing Joe DiMaggio and Stan Musial with cigarettes dangling from smiling mouths). And don't forget the text: coauthors Wong and Grob contribute stylish and perceptive profiles of the various superstars whose jerseys decorate the text as well as fascinating facts about uniform fabrics and design over the years (Who knew that satin uniforms were once the rage?). Hats off, too, to perhaps the most entertaining collection of pull quotes ever to appear in a baseball book (Tallulah Bankhead on Willie Mays: "There have been only two geniuses in the world: Willie Mays and Willie Shakespeare."). A must for every baseball collection.

• Bill Ott
LIBRARY JOURNAL
Baseball is a game of endurance, statistics, and more interestingly, a sport with iconic uniforms. As longtime Detroit Tigers outfielder Ty Cobb once said, "[baseball] is a struggle for supremacy, a survival of the fittest." Wong (Smithsonian Baseball) along with debut author Grob has created a fascinating book about historically significant baseball attire. What makes these garments so special is their importance to the game in which they were originally worn. The authors give a fantastic description of each uniform and thrillingly guide readers through the moment in history. There are uniforms from Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Christy Mathewson, Jackie Robinson, and numerous others. This captivating look at the subject is unlike anything readers will find aside from visiting the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown. The 71 featured uniforms, along with photographs that speak a thousand words, each tell an exceptional story. VERDICT This rare look at the importance of baseball garments is a visually striking compilation that reads like a Ken Burns documentary. A book for all baseball lovers.

• Gus Palas, Ela Area P.L., Lake Zurich, IL

STEPHEN WONG, a lifelong collector of rare and historically significant baseball artifacts, authored the top-selling *Smithsonian Baseball: Inside the World's Finest Private Collections*, which was nominated for the Casey Award. Wong has advised a number of the world's top collectors and has lent his expertise to numerous baseball exhibitions, including those at the Chicago Historical Society, the Museum of the City of New York, the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center, and the National Museum of American Jewish History. DAVE GROB is the nation's foremost authenticator

of vintage major league baseball uniforms. FRANCESCO SAPIENZA is a New York-based people and food photographer who worked on *How To Eataly: A Guide to Buying, Cooking, and Eating Italian Food*.

Stephen Wong and Dave Grob have written and compiled a fascinating and beautiful book on baseball memorabilia. The walk through the almost 150 years of baseball history through the uniforms and the stories of the amazing players who wore them is captivating. Baseball cards are interesting to collect but the uniforms are ever so more precious and rare given the passage of time and just how few uniforms players were actually issued. I found the uniforms beautiful to look at but it was the combination of the uniforms with the compelling stories around the greatest players of each era what made this book so special. The coincidence of the Cubs winning the World Series this year after a drought of 108 years between titles and this beautiful history book is just amazing. I recommend this book for any fan of baseball and its wonderful history and for gifts to your favorite sports lover!!

If you are interested in baseball uniforms and all the detail that goes with them this book is for you..! I love baseball uniforms and really enjoyed all the information this book provided about them.. I learned a lot from it...

There are baseball stats, baseball facts, baseball biographies, fictional baseball tales, and baseball for kids. This is a love note to baseball's history. I truly enjoyed reading Mr. Wong's book, both in its relaxing prose to the artifacts splayed throughout with jerseys, bats, and other miscellany. I would get this book for anybody who likes baseball or anybody who likes leafing through our national pastime. The sections are bite-sized and can be read and I'd save them for lazy afternoons where you can have a cider and wear something as soft as those uniforms look. Five stars.

Gift for my elderly dad. He loved reading it and it brought back many fond memories for him.

The beautifully-written biographies and superb photographs of baseball's greatest heroes and their uniforms in this book have given me hours of enjoyment. I'm going to return to them again and again. Thank you to the authors, the photographer and the Smithsonian for creating this magnificent book.

The book was amazing. Great history of the game. My family love it. I'm ordering add'l copies as X'mas gift.

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